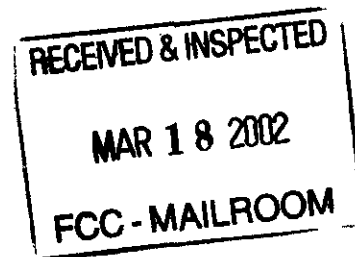


January 31, 2002

William J. Edwards
706 Main
Roundup, Mt. 59072



Federal Communications Commission
Allocations Branch, Room 3 A320
C/O Office of the Secretary TW B204
FCC
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Gentlemen:

I am petitioning the Commission to add a new FM Commercial radio station for the Town of Roundup, Mt. The station would be located at the following coordinates: North Latitude 46°28' 02" and West Longitude 108°35' 50". The frequency I am requesting is **97.5 FM**.

Roundup is a small community of approximately 2000 people with about the same number living in the county. Being a rural remote town in Eastern Montana we are fifty two miles north of Billings and sit in a small valley which makes reception from the Billings stations sporadic or non-existent in many cases. We are in need of our own voice and personality. I have attached letters of support from our city and county governments, school and DES; as you can see there is a need in Roundup for a local radio station. I am seeking only enough power, 500 to 1000 watts, to cover our county, which would not interfere with any other stations.

I thank you for your consideration and will look forward to seeing this petition for a radio station posted on your web site.

Sincerely,

William J. Edwards
706 Main St.
Roundup, Mt. 59072

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CENTRAL MONTANA
RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT AREA

William J. Edwards
706 Main Street
Roundup, Montana 59072

January 29, 2002

Re: Radio Station for Roundup Area

Dear Mr. Edwards:

It has come to our attention that you are in the process of organizing a project that would provide a local area FM radio station for Roundup. During our recent area planning work, it was noted that there is a void of signal coverage in the Musselshell Valley around Roundup. This is because the stations in Billings and Lewistown do not effectively reach into this valley, particularly in a home or business setting. It was also noted that the availability of a local radio station was on our list of needs for this area.

A radio station would be very useful to organizations like ours, to inform the public about our activities, contact points, meeting dates, projects, etc. At times it may even make it possible to do live remotes from public meetings and events that could reach out to those who can't attend, such as senior citizens or the infirm.

We hereby offer our support for your endeavor and offer our help in any way, as you move forward. Good luck with your effort.

Best Regards,

Monty L. Sealey, Coord.

cc: J. Jay Erdie, Chairman

ERNEST SATTERTHWAIT, President of Council
JEN LEE, Clerk/Treasurer
VIOLET OLSEN, Assistant Clerk
GARY THOMAS, Director of Public Works
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Mr. William Edwards
State Farm Insurance
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January 25, 2002

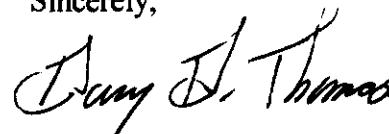
Dear Mr. Edwards:

I am writing this letter in support of your attempt to establish a radio station in Roundup. There is no doubt that this would enhance our ability to get good reception for a media that we have not had at our disposal in the past.

The station would be a great addition to the area and could be used by the schools, public service organizations, local governments, and area businesses, to name a few. The limited reception in our area from the Billings stations, and their lack of doing community interest work in these small communities, make your project even more exciting.

We encourage you to proceed with this project, and offer the assistance of the City, as appropriate, to help this effort become a reality.

Sincerely,



Gary G. Thomas
Dir. of Public Works

cc: Almeda F. Moore, Mayor

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January 28, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

The Musselshell County Commissioners would like to go on record in support of a local radio station operating on 97.5 FM. This radio station would enable the local officials to make emergency announcements for fire warnings and severe weather warnings as well as other notices. In addition to emergency announcements, local sports events could be broadcasted and public service announcements disseminated. Thank you for your consideration of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Musselshell County Commissioners

Kelly Gebhardt, Chairman

MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

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January 24, 2002

Mr. Bill Edwards
706 Main
Roundup, MT 59072

Dear Bill;

Your plans for a radio station for the Musselshell County area has my full support. As the DES coordinator for the county I can envision using the radio station as a way to alert people to road closures, high water warnings, weather events and fire updates.

If the coverage area included most of the county, this would solve a number of issues I have with public alert notification. There have been instances where we need to let the local people know of an emergency situation, a meeting or a closure and have not had a means of doing this, except through Billings stations. In many instances the Billings coverage does not work well in areas of Musselshell County.

With a local station broadcasting, the businesses and residents will be able to tune into this station and know they can receive information about an occurring emergency. Public alerts will reach more people and I will have a better emergency/disaster operation plan because of an informed public.

I hope you received the needed licensing for your radio station with a large county coverage area. This is a resource I look forward to using in the future.

Sincerely


Cheri Kilby



Roundup Public Schools

GRACIE GREEN

District Clerk

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School District No. 55 and 55-II

P.O. Box 70

Roundup, Montana 59072

January 30, 2002

William J. Edwards
706 Main Street
Roundup, MT 59072

Dear Bill

I am writing this letter on behalf of your efforts to get the necessary licensure to start a radio station. I fully support that endeavor.

Whether it is national, state or local the American public likes to be informed. Communications and keeping the public informed is a never ending process and a variety of media sources contribute to our need for being informed. Radio is one of those media sources.

From a school district point of view, we attempt to keep our constituency informed of school happenings through the local newspaper and a school newsletter, The District Messenger. A local radio station would greatly enhance the process and in some respects, be more immediate. A local radio station would be a more personal way to communicate with Roundup and its service area.

A couple of summers ago I happened to be in Lewistown when a tornado hit the south part of the community. That in itself was a dramatic experience but the local radio station kept people informed as to the impact and to the ancillary effects of what was happening.

This past September the American public suffered one of the most catastrophic happenings in the last hundred years. Through the news media, radio being one source, the American public was continually apprised of what was happening and what to be aware of. Locally, a radio station could be the most immediate source of news regarding emergencies.

I am not familiar with the processes necessary to establish a recognized broadcast system through the Federal Communication System but would hope that this letter would support the need and enhance the process.

Sincerely

J. Jay Erdie
District Superintendent

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Musselshell Valley Chamber Of Commerce

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January 30, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the Bill Edward's effort to obtain a license for and operate a radio station for Roundup, Montana and the surrounding area. The Musselshell Valley Chamber of Commerce is fully supportive of Bill's efforts and his project.

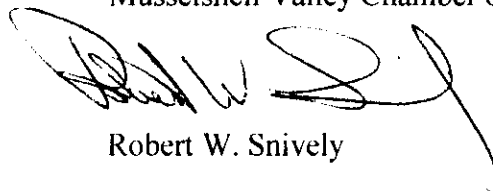
A radio station will add many valuable contributions to Roundup and the surrounding communities and areas. The station will allow Roundup to have its own voice so that this communities ideas and information can be shared with all of the area citizens. Currently, one has to listen to a radio station from Billings, when a station can be received, and none of the Billings stations provide local information for this area.

Additionally, a Roundup radio station will permit the dissemination of emergency information to the people living in this area as needed for storms, fires and other disasters. This is a service that this community currently does not have available and is very much needed in this area.

The Chamber of Commerce believes that a Roundup Radio Station will be a great addition to this community and will be a tremendous asset to the town and surrounding area. The Chamber fully supports the project and requests that you provide any and all assistance that you have available to make it a reality as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Musselshell Valley Chamber of Commerce



Robert W. Snively